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PARIS FOR UNESCO

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SUBJECT: US MOVES ON EUROPEAN REGIONAL GROUP ISSUE AT  
SEPTEMBER UNESCO EXBD.

FOR SISCO FROM BLAKE: REQUEST YOU GIVE EXECUTE ON THIS  
AND COMPANION INSTRUCTION TO TEL AVIV.

1. YOU MAY INFORM FONMINISTRY OF FOLLOWING AT HIGH LEVEL:  
IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH STRONG CONGRESSIONAL MANDATE TO  
PERSUADE UNESCO "TAKE CONCRETE STEPS TO CORRECT ITS RECENT  
ACTIONS OF A PRIMARILY POLITICAL CHARACTER", DEPT. BE-  
LIEVES IT IS INCUMBENT ON IT TO UNDERTAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS  
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AT UNESCO EXBD, SEPTEMBER 15-OCT. 10. FAILURE TO COMPLY  
WITH CONGRESSIONAL MANDATE WOULD HAVE SERIOUS IMPACT ON  
US ABILITY TO GIVE FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO UNESCO, AND ON US  
ABILITY TO SUPPORT SUCH PROJECTS AS PHILAE MONUMENTS (WE

LEAVE IT TO YOUR DISCRETION HOW HARD AND HOW DIRECTLY TO HIT MATTER OF PHILAE MONUMENTS). ITEM ON WHICH THERE BEST POSSIBILITY OF ACHIEVING PROGRESS AT EXBD MEETING APPEARS TO BECOME MOVE TO PAVE WAY FOR EVENTUAL INCLUSION OF ISRAEL IN EUROPEAN REGIONAL GROUP. WE NOTED THAT AT 97TH EX BD EGYPTIAN MEMBER EL WAKIL IN A REFERENCE TO ALL-EUROPEAN MEETING TO BEGIN DRAFT OF DIPLOMA EQUIVALENCY CONVENTION INDICATED THAT HE WOULD RECOMMEND TO HIS GOVERNMENT THAT IT POSE NO OBJECTION TO ISRAELI PARTICIPATION IN

(REGIONAL) EUROPEAN PROCESS. WE HAVE WONDERED TO WHAT EXTENT THIS REPRESENTS A BROADER GOE WILLINGNESS TO SEE ISRAEL PARTICIPATE AS FULL MEMBER OF ERG.

2. IN LIGHT WITH FOREGOING, DEPT. IS EXPLORING POSSIBILITY SECURING PASSAGE BY EX BD OF RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD RECOMMEND TO THE 19TH GC (NOVEMBER 1976) THAT ALL MEMBERS BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE FULLY IN UNESCO REGIONAL ACTIVITIES. RESOLUTION, WHILE NOT MENTIONING ISRAEL BY NAME, WOULD BE CLEAR INDICATION OF EXBD'S WILLINGNESS TO HAVE ISRAEL INCLUDED IN A REGIONAL GROUP BY GC. WE ARE CONSIDERING FOLLOWING TEXT, TO BE TABLED BY US AND/OR ONE OF MORE MEMBERS OF ERG: "RECALLING THAT RESOLUTION 46.1 ADOPTED BY THE 18TH GENERAL CONFERENCE RECOGNIZED THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE WHEREBY EVERY MEMBER STATE HAS THE RIGHT AND DUTY TO PARTICIPATE FULLY AND REGULARLY IN THE ORGANIZATION'S REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES, SHARING THE BELIEF OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD THAT A GOAL OF THE ORGANIZATION IS THE EQUALITY OF PARTICIPATION OF MEMBER STATES, ENDORSING THE STATEMENTS MADE BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL CONCERNING THE NEED FOR UNIVERSALITY MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND CONSENSUS, DESIROUS OF HELPING TO INSURE THAT ALL MEMBERS ARE ABLE TO EXERCISE THE RIGHT AND PERFORM THE DUTY OF PARTICIPATING IN THE ORGANIZATION'S REGIONAL ACTIVITIES, RECOMMENDS TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE THAT AT ITS 19TH SESSION IT TAKE STEPS TO INSURE THAT ALL  
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MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION ARE EMPOWERED TO PARTICIPATE FULLY IN REGIONAL ACTIVITIES IN WHICH THE REPRESENTATIVE CHARACTER OF STATES IS AN IMPORTANT FACTOR." RESOLUTION WOULD BE INTRODUCED UNDER THE AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 3 ENTITLED "METHODS OF WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION."

3. FOR GOE'S VERY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION, USG HAS CONSULTED CLOSELY WITH EXBD PRES. WYNTER ON FOREGOING. LATTER HAS INDICATED HIS GENERAL CONCURRENCE ALTHOUGH HE BELIEVES RESOLUTION MAY NEED CERTAIN CHANGES. (WE THEORETICALLY HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH THIS.) NOW, AS MATTER OF PRIORITY, WE ARE ANXIOUS TO HAVE EGYPTIAN VIEWS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING GOE'S REACTION SOONEST

IN VIEW OF EARLY DATE OF CONVENING OF EXBD AND IN VIEW OF NECESSITY TO MOVE ALONG WITH CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHERS. WE ARE WILLING TO KEEP AS MUCH OF GOE'S VIEWS CONFIDENTIAL AS EGYPTIANS WISH.

4. FYI AND FOR SUCH USE AS YOU DEEM APPROPRIATE:  
WE ALSO INTEND DISCUSS MATTER WITH GOVERNMENTS WHO PREVIOUSLY SUPPORTED ISRAEL'S INCLUSION IN ERG. WE WILL IN ADDITION SEEK REACTIONS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES ON THE EXBD WHO OPPOSED ISRAELI MEMBERSHIP IN ERG OR ABSTAINED ON THE ISSUE BEFORE. WE HOPE THOSE IN THIS LATTER GROUP WHO COULD NOT SUPPORT SUCH A MOVE COULD BE PERSUADED TO ABSTAIN OR NOT ACTIVELY WORK AGAINST RESOLUTION. IT WILL BE OBVIOUS TO GOE THAT TIMING WAS CHOSEN TO COME AFTER SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI AGREEMENT. IN VIEW OF SHORT TIME AVAILABLE FOR CONSULTATIONS BEFORE EXBD CONVENES, WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO WAIT FOR GOE'S VIEWS SO NO COMMITMENT TO THIS EFFECT CAN BE MADE.  
END FYI.

5. EMBASSY MAY WISH CONSIDER MAKING OUR INTENTION KNOWN TO EGYPTIAN BOARD MEMBER EL WAKIL EITHER PRIOR TO OR SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THE PRESENTATION TO MFA. EL WAKIL ROLE AT 97TH EXBD WAS GENERALLY HELPFUL.

6. EMBASSY CAIRO SHOULD NOT MAKE APPROACH HERE AUTHORIZED UNTIL IT HAS RECEIVED EXECUTE SIGNAL FROM SECRETARY'S PARTY. ROBINSON  
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